

# OBITUARIES

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**DOYLE**, Charles "Ross" – Age 76, Truro, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 20, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born on November 21, 1946, in Truro to the late Charles Elmer and Bertha Marie (Faulkner) Doyle, Ross's life was marked by love, service, and deep connections with his family and community. Ross will be profoundly missed by his cherished wife of 51 years, Sylvia Ray (Ferguson) Doyle; his adoring children, Meredith (Brent) Garrison of Brookfield, Allyson (Rob) Clinch of Riverview, NB, and Christopher (Tracey) Doyle of Rothesay, NB. He was also a beloved grandfather to Julia Clinch, Rebecca Clinch, Emily Clinch, Gavin Garrison, Paige Garrison, Owen Doyle, and Jordan Doyle. Additionally, Ross leaves behind his dear sister, Charlotte Johnson, with whom he shared countless special moments and memories. Ross dedicated the better part of his life to serving and protecting his community as a firefighter. He worked with DND at the Halifax Dockyard and selflessly volunteered as a member of the Truro Fire Brigade for 29 years, including a thirteen-year tenure as Chief. His commitment extended beyond the fire service, as he actively participated in numerous community clubs and associations, including the Truro Curling Club, Nova Scotia Firefighters Curling Association, and the Toney River Harbour Authority. A visitation to celebrate Ross's life was Tuesday, October 24th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro. A special service in his honour took place October 25th in First United Church, Truro, commencing with a Firefighter's Tribute to acknowledge his exceptional dedication to the fire service. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Truro Fire Hall. To share your condolences and pay tribute to Ross, please visit [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com). In Ross's memory, donations may be made to the CEHHC "We Care About Cancer" or Colchester SPCA.

**HUNTLEY**, Carol Ruth – Age 85, Truro, passed away on Friday, October 20, 2023, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Belmont, Colchester County, she was a daughter of the late Arthur and Sadie (Brunt) Armsworthy. There will be no visitation or service at Carol's request. Arrangements are under the direction of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS.

**SMITH**, Shirley (Peppard) April 1, 1931 - October 23, 2023 - Mum passed away peacefully on October 23, 2023, surrounded by family in the comfort of her home. She was a daughter of the late William "Billy" and Minnie (MacKenzie) Peppard. Born in Great Village on April 1, 1931, Mum was a lifelong resident of the community. Mum's greatest achievement was her family. She had nine children and each one of us felt as if we were her favourite. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. Visits were regular and usually happened in the kitchen, where often the first order of business was checking to see what kind of cookies she had baked. Saturday mornings were especially busy, knowing biscuits and cinnamon rolls would be coming out of the oven. In addition to raising her family, Mum was known to many through her role as a playground supervisor at Great Village Elementary School and later as the Postmaster of the Great Village Post Office. Mum led a life filled with love for her family. She will be greatly missed by her children, Keith (Debbie), Carl (Penny), Bev, Danny, Bob (Michelle), John (Claudette), Connie (Shannon), Sandy (Heather); seventeen grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; brother, Vernon Peppard (Ottawa); sister-in-law, Iris Peppard (Debert), nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mum was predeceased by her husband, Donald Smith; son, Ben Smith; son-in-law, Dave Giles; sister, Gwennie (Ron) Richards, Thunder Bay and brother, Doug Peppard. In recent months when medical care was required, Mum was fortunate to be in the care of her Nurse Practitioner and the Palliative Care Team. Heartfelt thanks and appreciation are extended to Erika Baird, NP, Dr. Courtney Smith, and Angela McDonnell, RN. On Saturday, October 28th, a graveside service was held for family members in Mahon Cemetery. An opportunity for family and friends to come together in honour of Mum's life will be held at a later date in the Village. If so desired, donations in Mum's memory may be made to the SPCA or CEHHA Palliative Care Unit.

**Burgess, Jamie Scott** – Age 41, Bible Hill, passed away unexpectedly on October 23, 2023. A family graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences at [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

**Ryan, Christopher Paul** – Age 62, Calgary, AB. It is with great sadness that the family and friends of Christopher Paul Ryan announce his passing on October 22, 2023, at the age of 62 years. He was born a son of the late Arthur Sr. and Sheila Mae (Willis) Ryan in Charlottetown, PEI. Christopher was a loving and caring father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He indulged in many hobbies and enjoyed many things, one of which was sports. Christopher loved all kinds of sports, but he especially liked hockey and football – the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Calgary Stampeders being his favourite teams. A little-known fact about Christopher was that he was a wonderful artist. His creativity and passion touched many within his life. He will be truly missed by those who knew and loved him. Christopher is survived by his two children, Justin Niles (Sammy) and Kayla Niles (Josh); his two grandchildren, Jayla and Lily Lilliana; his two brothers, Arthur Ryan (Annette) and Tony Ryan (Payal) and his niece, Ali Ryan. A Celebration of Chris' Life with reception was held November 7th in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Private family interment. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**MacMEEKIN**, Bessie Audrey (MacDonald) – 87, Truro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving children, on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at Willow Lodge Home for Special Care, Tatamagouche. Born in North Greenville, Cumberland County, she was a daughter of the late Daniel and Charlotte (Dykens) MacDonald. Bessie is survived by her children, Wayne (Janet) MacMeekin, Truro; Glen MacMeekin, Kemptown; Heather Canton (Tom), Truro; Sandra Petrie (Fran), Welland, Ontario; 14 special grandchildren; 16 dear great grandchildren; brothers, Rodney (Esther) MacDonald, Onslow; Ronnie (Shirley) MacDonald, Westchester; sisters-in-law, Audrey MacDonald, Brookfield; Dorothy MacDonald, Enfield; Betty MacDonald, Onslow; Sharon McDonald, Moncton, New Brunswick; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Sunday, November 5, 2023, at Westchester Wesleyan Church, 4611 Wentworth Collingwood Road, Westchester Station, Reverend Marilyn Mansvelt and Pastor Sharon Simoneau officiated. Interment was in Eagle Hill Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall – Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Full obituary and condolences at: [www.mattatallvarnerfh.com](http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com)

**SYLLIBOY**, Benjamin "Benio" Noel Jr. – Age 79, passed away Thursday, October 26, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Truro, NS, he was a son of the late Benjamin Sylliboy Sr. and Elizabeth Marr-Sylliboy. Ben worked many jobs throughout his life. He has worked in silviculture, carpentry, and as Millbrook's Alcohol and Drug Counsellor through N.A.D.A.C.A. In Ben's younger years he had a passion for karate and trained and competed in the sport. He was a huge fan of Bruce Lee and Chuck Norris movies. Ben loved being an Elder; he embraced his spirituality and lived it. He offered many teachings and helped guide those who wanted to learn. Ben enjoyed taking part in community and family functions. One of his favorite times was when the Elders would go fishing. He loved his Millbrook community, and his favorite time of year was the Millbrook Annual Powwow. Ben is survived by his son, Michael Sr. (Sheena), Millbrook; brothers, William, Millbrook, Brian (Pauline) Kah-nawake, QC; sisters, Bernadette (Vernon), Esgenoôpetitj, NB, Tracy, Millbrook; grandchildren, Shania, Shanice, Felicity, Michael Jr., Zyleen and one great grandchild, Ahlyzah, all of Millbrook; many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Isaac Sylliboy; wife, Annette; brother, Stephen John; sister, Marlyn; stepdaughter, Tammy (Duncan); stepson, Kevin. Visitation was held at his home, 921 Willow Street, Millbrook, on Monday, October 30th, 2023 for family, then open to the community at 3pm until time of the Funeral Mass which was held November 1st in Sacred Heart Church, Millbrook. Father Jim O'Connor officiated. A Saluté and reception in Millbrook Community Hall was held following the Funeral Mass. Burial will take place in Sacred Heart Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ben's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com)

**PALMER**, Rev. Jack W. – Age 95, of Amherst, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, Amherst. Visitation and reception was held 11am-1pm on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at the First Baptist Church, Amherst. Funeral service followed at 1pm, Rev. Jeff White officiating. Burial in the Advocate Cemetery. Memorial donations to First Baptist Church, Amherst. Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. For a detailed obituary or to send online condolences, please visit [www.smithsfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithsfuneralhome.com)

**MacLEOD**, William "Bill" Donald - With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of William "Bill" Donald MacLeod, who departed this world on October 26th, 2023. Born on May 21st, 1935, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Bill's path was uniquely his own, marked by determination, service and tremendous leadership. He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald MacLeod and Phyllis Stevenson, his stepmother Elsie LeBlanc, and Lorraine, the mother of his two children. Bill's memory lives on in the hearts of his beloved wife, Anne, his devoted brother, Bob, and his children, Billy and Cheryl, and their families. His legacy extends to his grandchildren, Adam, Colin, Ian, Amy, Mitchell, Amanda, and his two great-grandchildren, Cohen and Avery. He also leaves behind his stepfamily, Brian, Marilyn, and their grandchildren, Dylan, Austin, Courtney, and Ashley. Bill lived a storied life from the beginning. A remarkable athlete from a young age, Bill's passion for baseball, curling, and track and field was imparted and regaled to those fortunate enough to listen to the stories of his youth. But it was in his dedication to service both in the military and community, that Bill truly left his mark. As a veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Bill served his country as a Flying Officer from 1952 to 1955. Following his service, Bill pursued higher education at the Maritime School of Social Work, earning his Master's degree in Social Work in 1959. He dedicated himself to supporting and caring for students at the Nova Scotia School for Boys in Shelburne and rose to the position of District Supervisor at the regional office in Digby. In 1967, Bill was appointed as the inaugural Superintendent of the Nova Scotia School for Girls in Truro, a role that earned him the endearing nickname, "The Welfare Man," by renowned artist Maud Lewis. Bill retired in 1991, leaving an indelible mark on many whom he'd worked with. Outside of his career, Bill was an active member of the Colchester Mental Health Association, Kiwanis Club, and the Colchester Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, where he held the esteemed position of President for all three organisations. His service to his country as a Flying Officer in the RCAF from 1950 to 1955 was honoured with the Canadian Centennial Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal, a testament to his dedication and sacrifice. However, outside of professional responsibilities, Bill cared deeply for his family, for his children and grandchildren and his wife Anne, with whom he shared 42 unforgettable years of adventures - travelling by land, air and sea across the country and the world. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or Diabetes Canada, both causes close to Bill's heart. The family would also like to give special thanks to the excellent care and comfort provided by the staff of the Vimy Court Shannex. A visitation was held November 2nd. On Friday, November 3rd a Royal Canadian Legion Tribute will be held, immediately followed by the funeral service, all in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow Street, Truro, NS. Interment in Bible Hill Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for Bill's family by visiting: [www.ColchesterCommunity.com](http://www.ColchesterCommunity.com).

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